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SUBJ: INVITATIONS TO PM CARAMANLIS AND FM MAVROS

1. OFFICE OF PRESS AND INFORMATION ISSUED SHORT  
RELEASE AUGUST 16 ON INVITATIONS EXTENDED TO CARAMANLIS  
AND MAVROS TO VISIT WASHINGTON.

QUOTE: "AT ABOUT 2:30 AM YESTERDAY MORNING, THE PRIME  
MINISTER, MR. C. KARAMANLIS, RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL  
FROM THE US SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. H. KISSINGER.

"DR. KISSINGER ASSURED THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE  
UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION DISAPPROVED AND DISAPPROVES  
OF THE TURKISH ACTION IN CYPRUS, ADDING THAT HE IS WILLING  
TO MEDIATE IN THE SEARCH OF AN EQUITABLE AND VIABLE  
SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. HE EXPRESSED THE WISH  
FOR A MEETING TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN  
PRESIDENT FORD AND PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS.

"MR KARAMANLIS SAID THAT HE WILL REPLY TO DR. KISSINGER'S  
PROPOSALS IN DUE COURSE BUT ADDED THAT THE CONTINUING  
CRISIS DOES NOT ALLOW HIM TO BE ABSENT FROM GREECE.

"OFFICIAL SOURCES WERE QUOTED AS SAYING YESTERDAY THAT  
THE GREEK GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO AN AMERICAN INVITATION TO  
DEPUTY PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER MR. GEORGE MAVROS  
TO VISIT WASHINGTON, AND DR. KISSINGER'S WISH THAT PRIME

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MINISTER MR. CONSTANTINE KARAMANLIS SHOULD MEET WITH

PRESIDENT FORD IN WASHINGTON, HAS BEEN CONVEYED THROUGH  
DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

" THE GREEK REPLY WAS HANDED BY MR. MAVROS TO US AMBASSADOR  
HENRY TASCA AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

"THE REPLY WAS NEGATIVE ON BOTH COUNTS FOR REASONS  
ALREADY GIVEN. SPECIFICALLY, MR. KARAMANLIS'S REPLY TO  
DR. KISSINGER DURING THEIR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION,  
THAT THE CONTINUING CRISIS DID NOT PERMIT HIM TO BE  
AWAY FROM GREECE, WAS REITERATED." END QUOTE

2. PRESS COVERAGE OF INVITATIONS HAS FOLLOWED CLOSELY  
OFFICIAL RELEASE. (NOTE: GOG SPOKESMAN LAMBRIAS URGED  
NEWSPAPER EDITORS AUGUST 16 TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN  
REPORTING CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS AND DOMESTIC EVENTS TO  
PREVENT POSSIBILITY OF CENSORSHIP ARISING.)  
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